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Docket 56550-7

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re:

Applicant: Schmutz *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/565,278

Group Art Unit: not known

Filed: 07/20/2004

Examiner: not known

For: IMPROVING PRODUCTION CHARACTERISTICS OF CATTLE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honourable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks,  
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street,  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
U.S.A.

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows: